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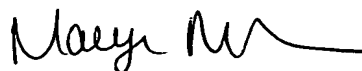
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- ☒ 2. Attached hereto is a translation of a Japanese Office Action dated June 28, 2005. The references cited in the Office Action were filed with an Information Disclosure Statement in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 22, 2005.

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